

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An airbag cover, comprising:
a substrate having an exposed surface;
at least one tear seam disposed in the exposed surface; and
a unitary applique film that is disposed on the exposed surface and is disposed across the tear seam, wherein the tear seam and applique film are frangible and rupture in response to expansion of an inflatable cushion to permit the cushion to deploy through the substrate and applique film, wherein the applique film is free of a hole or tear seam, wherein the applique film is substantially transparent such that at least a part of the exposed surface is visible from the vehicle interior.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the applique film comprises a laminate of layers.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 2, wherein the applique film comprises a colored layer and an outer layer.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 2, wherein the applique film comprises a layer that is disposed on select areas of the exposed surface.

Claim 5 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the applique film comprises a single layer.

Claim 6 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the applique film has a thickness no greater than 0.5 mm.

Claim 7 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the applique film has a thickness no greater than 1.0 mm.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the substrate has a narrow point positioned over the tear seam that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the substrate has a local peak that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 10 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the substrate is at least 2.5 mm thick adjacent to the tear seam.

Claim 11 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a hinged flap.

Claims 12-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (original): The airbag cover of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises an injected material.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An airbag cover, comprising:
a substrate having an exposed surface;
at least one tear seam in the exposed surface; and
a unitary applique film that is disposed on the exposed surface and is disposed across the tear seam, wherein the tear seam and applique film are frangible and rupture in response to expansion of an inflatable cushion to permit the cushion to deploy through the substrate and

applique film, and wherein the applique film includes an emblem design aligned with corresponding contours in the substrate to produce a three-dimensional emblem, wherein the shape of the contours in the substrate corresponds to the shape of the emblem design, wherein the applique film is substantially transparent and has substantially the same thickness across the entirety of the exposed surface.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the applique film comprises a laminate of layers.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 17, wherein the applique film comprises a colored layer and an outer layer.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 17, wherein the applique film comprises a layer that is disposed on select areas of the exposed surface.

Claim 20 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the applique film comprises a single layer.

Claim 21 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the applique film has a thickness no greater than 0.5 mm.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the substrate has a narrow point positioned over the tear seam that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the substrate has a local peak that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 24 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the substrate is at least 2.5 mm thick adjacent to the tear seam.

Claim 25 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the substrate comprises a hinged flap.

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): The airbag cover of claim ~~21~~6, wherein the tear seam of the applique film is generally aligned with the tear seam in the exposed surface.

Claim 28 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the three-dimensional emblem is a vehicle manufacturer's logo.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (original): The airbag cover of claim 16, wherein the substrate comprises an injected material.

Claim 31 (currently amended): An airbag cover, comprising:
a substrate having an exposed surface;
at least one tear seam in the exposed surface; and
a unitary applique film that is disposed on and covers an entirety of the exposed surface and is disposed across at least one tear seam, wherein each tear seam and the applique film are frangible and rupture in response to expansion of an inflatable cushion to permit the cushion to deploy through the substrate and applique film, wherein the applique film is free of a hole or tear seam, wherein the applique film is substantially transparent such that at least a part of the exposed surface is visible from the vehicle interior.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the applique film comprises a laminate of layers.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 32, wherein the applique film comprises a layer that is disposed on select areas of the exposed surface.

Claim 34 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the applique film comprises a single layer.

Claim 35 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the substrate comprises a hinged flap.

Claim 36 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the applique film has a thickness no greater than 0.5 mm.

Claim 37 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the applique film has a thickness no greater than 1.0 mm.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the substrate has a narrow point positioned over the tear seam that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the substrate has a local peak that facilitates rupturing of the applique film.

Claim 40 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the substrate is at least 2.5 mm thick adjacent to the tear seam.

Claim 41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (original): The airbag cover of claim 31, wherein the substrate comprises an injected material.

Claim 43 (currently amended): An airbag cover, comprising:

substrate means for concealing an inflatable cushion, the substrate means having an exposed surface;

tear seam means in the exposed surface that enables the cushion to emerge through the substrate during inflation of the cushion; and

unitary applique film means that provides a cosmetic cover for the substrate, wherein the applique film means is disposed on the exposed surface and is disposed across the tear seam means, wherein the tear seam means and applique film means are frangible and rupture in response to expansion of the cushion to permit the cushion to deploy through the substrate means and applique film means, wherein the applique film means is free of a hole or tear seam, wherein the applique film means is substantially transparent such that at least a part of the exposed surface is visible from the vehicle interior.